



# COMBAT LOGISTICS BATTALION -5

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## From The Commanding Officer

*Families and Friends of CLB-5 Marines and Sailors*

Greetings! As we move deeper into Fall and towards the Winter season, I want to take the opportunity to let you all know of the many happenings going on inside and around CLB-5 and a glimpse at the road ahead. The Battalion, its Marines and Sailors, have been very busy and working extremely hard. After returning from a seven month deployment to Iraq back in March, there has been a large turnover of personnel throughout the unit. In the midst of many new people getting to know one another, the Battalion, with the Motor Transport Company as the main effort, supported 11th Marines two-week artillery Fire Exercise aboard Camp Pendleton. Headquarters and Service Company planned and executed three command post (CP) exercises to organize the headquarters for setting-up, operating and communicating in an expeditionary field environment. Marines of Support Company completed annual maintenance services on vehicles from 5th Marine Regiment and prepared equipment for a three week exercise at 29 Palms. Additionally, the Marines and Sailors were inspected by senior experts and leaders from the Marine Logistics Group as part of the Commanding General's Inspection Program. On top of that, the experts from equipment maintenance, maintenance management and supply functions inspected our Marines in those critical areas during a two week long Logistics Readiness Evaluation. Marines of Motor Transport Company carried the additional burden of not only going through this maintenance and administrative work, but of going into the field to work on tactical skills of driving, firing crew-served weapons and developing procedures for dealing with enemy threats. A culmination of this stretch of the calendar was deploying to the Marine Corps's MAGTF Training Center at 29 Palms, CA to support the 1st Marine Division in its combined arms exercise "Steel Knight." Steel Knight was a nearly three week exercise in which Marines and Sailors provided transportation, supplies and equipment/vehicle maintenance to their fellow Marines of the 11th Marine Regiment (artillery) and the 1st Marine Regiment (infantry) to include elements of 1st Tank Battalion and 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion. While working to support these units, CLB-5 was training to work together as team. The ultimate report card will always come from those units we support. From all accounts and corners, from the Commanding General of the 1st Marine Division on-down, your Marines and Sailors earned praise and gratitude for their efforts, support and performance.

The road ahead likely leads to a deployment to Afghanistan; although no one knows for sure when we will reach that mile marker. It is the Battalion's mission and duty, and that of each one of its Marines and Sailors, to be ready for that time whenever it comes. Thus, in and around the Fall and Winter holidays, the Battalion will continue to aggressively press forward with training and preparation which includes a return trip to 29 Palms for a month's worth of fast-paced, intense training for all hands. Still though, there will be the holidays and time for family, friends, home and rest. Towards that end, the Battalion will host its own holiday party for the Marines, Sailors and families of CLB-5. My wife, Bernadette, and I look forward to meeting all of you there. As always, your patience and steadfast support of your Marines and Sailors, and the Battalion at large, are critical to our overall effectiveness during these continuing challenges. Your on-going efforts and sacrifices in support of them and your own families are greatly appreciated.

Despite the growing pains of adjusting to many changes and new people over the past four months, the Marines and Sailors have persisted in their professionalism and risen to the many varying challenges of trying to do so much in a very short time. They have done themselves proud and you should be proud of them.

Semper Fidelis,

LtCol Jeff Jarosz

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# HEADQUARTERS/SUPPORT COMPANY



**Marines, Sailors and Families,**

**I am proud and privileged to introduce myself as the Headquarters and Support Company Commander. It has been my honor to serve with and lead your outstanding Marines and Sailors during this exciting time in our battalion. Your Marines and Sailors have been busy preparing for an upcoming inspection and supporting two different units during a two week training exercise in 29 Palms. The company did an excellent job and far surpassed expectations. Their professionalism and expertise in their fields never ceases to amaze me. I could not be more pleased with their performance. The tempo will increase over the next few months as we prepare for a battalion field exercise in December and for Mojave Viper in January. I know that we are ready for the challenge and will succeed as a team. My wife Melanie and I look forward to meeting with all of you at the Marine Corps Ball and during battalion holiday events this winter. These events promise to be a great time, I encourage you to attend.**

**Thank you for all that you do to support our great nation and battalion. The sacrifices that you make every day do not go unnoticed. We would not be capable of doing our jobs without your support.**

**Sincerely,**

**CWO2 Daniel Vaccaro**

MMO hard at work!!



# MOTOR TRANSPORTATION COMPANY



**Marines, Sailors and Families,**

**In the four and a half months that I've had the honor to command Motor Transport Company, there has been a great deal of work and training, both in garrison and out in the field. We have worked some very long hours, and skipped weekends and holidays at times, and I know this is very difficult on our families. I want to take a moment to thank the families, spouses, parents, and loved ones of Motor Transport Company for supporting your Marines as they have put in so much work over the last several months. The immediate result of this hard work and dedication was the phenomenal execution of Exercise Steel Knight at 29 Palms. Families: Your Marines were magnificent and I couldn't be more proud of them. There is more hard work and long hours to come as we draw closer to deployment. I want the families of Motor Transport Company to know that the Marines and I are putting in the time, work and training now to ensure that we're as prepared for deployment as possible, in order to return safely to you when the job is done. Marines, thank you again for your dedication. Families, thank you again for your support!**

**Very Respectfully,  
Capt Matt Zimbalist**

# PROMOTIONS

## 1 JULY 2009-

Cpl Craig, Zachary  
Cpl Davidson, Piarella  
Cpl Ortegatellez, Gilberto  
Lcpl Mike, Kevin  
Lcpl Wallin, Darryl  
Pfc Carlos Jr, Jose  
Pfc Halsey Ryan  
Pfc GarciaRodriguez, Fernando

Pfc Grass, Kyle  
Pfc Hinojosa, Christopher  
Pfc Long, Christopher  
Pfc Massey, Ryan  
Pfc Mcdonald, Jonathon  
Pfc Millikan, Andrew  
Pfc Sandoval, Fidel  
Pfc Schwartz, Alex

Pfc Schwartz, Alex  
Pfc Snipe, Marice  
Pfc Spagnolo, Krystal  
Pfc Stull, Lance  
Pfc Tran, Tuan  
Pfc Vandersloot, Nathan  
Pfc Wallin, Darryl  
(July 2) Pfc Halsey Ryan

## 1 AUG 2009-

Capt Carlson, Christian  
Sgt Cordero Christian  
Sgt Linsenmann, David  
Cpl Ford, John  
Cpl Gunstanson, Johnathon  
Cpl Harrington, Rob  
Lcpl Bird, Micheal  
Lcpl Brown, Anthony

Lcpl Jones, Jeremy  
Lcpl Ledesma III, Jose  
Lcpl Long, Jestin  
Lcpl Masten Jr, Robert  
Pfc Robledo, Sonya  
Pfc Garcia, Erasmo  
Pfc MartinezTorres, Cristian  
Pfc Spridgeon, Wesley

Pfc Wambach III, Donald  
Pfc Wyche, Kendrick

## 1 SEP 2009

Sgt Fisher, Jacob  
Cpl Brockmeier, Joseph  
Cpl Chamberlin, Thomas  
Cpl Draughon, George  
Cpl Ford, John  
Cpl Harrington, Rob  
Cpl Paringer, Garrett

Lcpl Jaime, Luis  
Lcpl Learn, Jace  
Lcpl Ledesma III, Jose  
Lcpl Roughton, Bryan  
Lcpl Salas, Michael  
Lcpl Trejo, Victor

WITH NEW RANK COMES NEW RESPONSIBILITY

## 1 OCT 2009

SSgt Lopez, Estevan  
Cpl Abbott, Corey  
Cpl Begay, Fredrick  
Cpl Duggan, Michael  
Cpl Garcia Jr, Arnold  
Cpl Gulick, Benjamin  
Cpl Hudson, Michael  
Cpl Jenkins, Jesse  
Lcpl Rothgeb Terrence

Cpl Kronmeyer, Kalvin  
Cpl Lopez, Christopher  
Cpl Martinez Jr, Jose  
Cpl Martinez Jr, Jose  
Cpl McCarthy, John  
Cpl Nichols, Jason  
Cpl Oldenburg, William  
Cpl Shifflett, Andrew

Cpl Shifflett, Andrew  
Cpl Slapnicka, Travis  
Cpl Strong, Jeremie  
Cpl Tejada, Neil  
Cpl Tolentino, Ruscielle  
Lcpl Baumfalk, Clancy  
Lpcl Bone, Kenneth  
Lcpl Coburn, Chet

Lcpl Coburn, Chet  
Lcpl Contrata, Westley  
Lcpl Leung, Richard  
Lcpl Marsh Michael  
Lcpl Milnikel Darly  
Lcpl Milnikel Darly  
Lpcl Perez, Leslie  
Lpcl Perez, Leslie

## 1 NOV 2009

SSgt Morant, Ronald  
Sgt Bach, Preston  
Cpl Duckworth, John  
Cpl Johnson, Gary  
Cpl Johnson, Robert  
Cpl Perkins, Patrick  
Cpl Zeller Andrew  
Lcpl Boecking, Michael

Lcpl Leveridge, Alexander  
Lcpl Leveridge, Alexander  
Lcpl Love II, William  
Lcpl McMullen, Eric  
Lcpl Meditz, Jacob  
Lcpl Rhoades, Christopher  
Lcpl Rodriguez, Alejandro  
Lcpl Sisco, Brian

Lcpl Smith, Brian  
Lcpl Valdez, Joesph  
Lcpl Ward, Ryan

## BATTALION NCO/MARINE OF THE QUARTER

### NCO

Sgt Cordero Jr, Andres Motor Transportation Co. 3<sup>rd</sup> Plt

### MARINE OF THE QUARTER

Lcpl Martinez, Jose A. Motor Transportation Co. 3<sup>rd</sup> Plt

## REENLISTMENTS

Cpl Mcelhaney, Johnathan E. Motor Transportation Co

Cpl Anderson, Corey M. Motor Transportation Co.

Welcome to the  
big League

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Family Readiness Command Team for CLB-5 is actively recruiting spouses, parents, and extended family members that are interested in building a strong and successful Family Readiness Program for CLB-5. As a Family Readiness Assistant you will provide information, referrals, and a communication link between the Commanding Officer and families of the Unit.

Typical responsibilities of the Volunteer Assistant:

- Welcoming incoming families
- Providing information and referrals when needed
- Offering moral support during difficult times
- Providing feedback from families

Another volunteer need is for Morale Support Volunteers, this volunteer assists the FRO with coordination of family readiness events and parties. This opportunity is a specific, event-driven, short term volunteer need and maybe perfect if you have a demanding life but still love to volunteer.

If you are supportive of the USMC core values of *honor, courage, and commitment* and you share a positive attitude about the United States Marine Corps the demands it places on Marines and families, then the CLB-5 Family Readiness Program would love to have you aboard! For more information contact Dwayne Perry at 760-468-8276

Warmest regards,  
Dwayne Perry

If you have a need your FRO will be the first source of information day or night, so please keep Dwayne Perry on speed dial!!  
Cell: 760-468-8276

## CURRENT VOLUNTEERS

Commanding Officer Spouse  
Bernadette Jarosz

Family Readiness Advisor  
Rocio Cullins

Family Readiness Assistant  
Dede Long  
[dedenshane@yahoo.com](mailto:dedenshane@yahoo.com)

Family Readiness Assistant  
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## JOIN THE TEAM!



# Helpful Resources

Marine and family services provide programs, services and information for active duty Marines, Sailors, family members and retirees. Services range from education opportunities to child care. Family Services is located in building 1795 near the rear Gate or can be reached by telephone at 760-725-9052

**L.I.N.K.S:** (Lifestyle Insights, Networking, Knowledge, and Skills) provides information to all Marines and family members on the resources available and methods for meeting challenges of the military lifestyle. Sessions are available for Marines, spouses, kids, teens, and parents/extended family members of Marines. (760) 763-1337

**Children Youth and Teen Program:** This Branch provides a full range of services to support parents in the raising of their children. Services include parent information, education, out-of-home child care and youth services for ages 6 weeks to 18 years of age (still in school). Program components include: Resource and Referral, Child Development Centers, Family Child Care, Drop In/Hourly Care, Youth Programs and School Age Care. 760-725-6308

**Family Readiness Program Training:** Family Readiness Program Training offers services to assist commands in developing effective readiness programs while helping unit families become self-sufficient. Family Readiness Program Trainers offer training for Command Teams, Family Readiness Officers, Family Readiness Advisors, and Family Readiness Assistants on their roles and responsibilities in the Unit Family Readiness Program.

**LifeSkills Education and Training:** LifeSkills Training provides connection to, or facilitation of, various workshops in areas such as parenting, financial management, stress and anger management, and understanding personality differences.

LifeSkills also coordinates and facilitates the Spouses' Learning Series, a three-tiered program providing Marine Corps spouses the opportunity to further their personal and professional growth through workshops and online educational courses.

## Marine Corps Birthday Ball!!

### ***Hilton Bayfront Hotel***

***Nov 10, 2009***

#### **Cocktail Hour:**

***1700-1800***

#### **Ceremony and Dinner**

***1800-2000***

#### **Dance Until Midnight**



# PARENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS

AWESOME  
OPPORTUNITY

If you have any problems with personal finances, emotional support during deployments, relocation information or resources needed for special circumstances, Military One Source is there for military personal and their families. Call 1-800-342-9647 or log on at

## BABY BOOT CAMP

This class is a great way to learn everything you need to know to take care of your infant! Class includes everything from keeping baby safe, taking care of you as a parent, dealing with crying, bathing, and caring for a baby, and resources for families at Camp Pendleton. This class is held once a month from 9:00am-4:00pm. Call for class dates and registration.

## OUR FIRST FRIENDS...MOMMIE AND ME SUPPORT GROUP

Bring your baby and meet with others for a morning of social support, sharing, and fun! This group is for mothers and their babies 12 months and under. Our First Friends is held every Thursday at the Abby Reinke Community Center from 10:30am-12:00pm.

## PLAY MORNING

This is a “funtastic” way to get out of the house with the kids and have a GREAT time! Simple crafts, songs, toys, and camaraderie geared for families with children age 5 and younger. Play morning is held every Thursday at the Abby Reinke Community Center from 10:00am to 11:30am.

## PARENTING CLASSES

Kids do not come with instruction manuals. This class discusses topics designed to make your life easier and help you raise healthy, cooperative children. Communication, discipline for the whole family, self-esteem, and much, much more! This class is taught over nine weeks. You may attend one class or all nine. Call for class dates and times.

## WIC – WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN

WIC is a supplemental food program for women (including pregnant or breastfeeding), infants and children under 5. Eligible applicants will receive coupon for a variety of foods. Nutrition education is also provided. Call (800) 500-6411 for specific qualifications, income guidelines and to find the closest office to you.

!!Please Call 760-725-3884 for all programs!!

[www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com) (24/7)

# Single Marine Program (SMP)

## The Single Marine Program (SMP):

SMP was established to provide a forum for Marines to identify quality of life (QOL) ideas and issues.

Activities and events are as varied as the single Marines the program serves, because it belongs to the Marines.

Activities typically fall under one of 5 program components: recreation, life skills, career progression, health and wellness.

SMP centers are a unique place for service members to relax. SMP centers include: pool tables, foosball, air hockey, Play station 2 and 3 X-box 360, Nintendo, and Big screen televisions 100% free.

Remind all Marines and Sailors about this program!!

## November SMP Information

**15 Nov 1030** Chargers Game\* Free- tickets will not be distributed, you must sign up and ride with SMP to and from the game to enjoy these tickets, we only have 7 tickets for each game. Game starts at 1315.

**17 Nov 0600** Price is Right Trip\* Free- you must sign up and ride with SMP to attend. Civilian attire only, you must be on leave or special liberty to attend this event.

**26 Nov 1100** Home for the Holiday Program\* Would you like to be placed with a local family for Thanksgiving lunch or Dinner? Sign-up with SMP for this program.

**29 Nov 1030** Chargers Game\* Free- tickets will not be distributed, you must sign up and ride with SMP to and from the game.

## SMP Volunteer Opportunities

**10 Nov 1600** Rancho Vista Retirement Home visit\* requested uniform of the day Charlies.

**18 Nov 1600** Fairwinds Retirement Home visit\*

**19 Nov 1600** Belmont Retirement Home visit\*

## SMP centers

**21 AREA CAMP DEL MAR** Bldg. 21704 # 760-725-2019

**33 AREA CAMP MARGARITA** Bldg. 33607 # 760-725-4988

**43 AREA LAS PULGAS** Bldg. 430314 # 760-725-5205

**53 AREA CAMP HORNO** Bldg. 53341 # 760-725-7857

**62 AREA SAN MATEO** Bldg. 62527 # 760-763-4354

SMP Website Sites: [www.mccs.com/home/event](http://www.mccs.com/home/event)

[www.mccscp.com/home/recreation/main](http://www.mccscp.com/home/recreation/main)

SMP Danielle West

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[www.mccscp.com/home/recreation/main](http://www.mccscp.com/home/recreation/main)

# CHAPLAIN 'S CORNER



## Message from the Chaplain:

Our purpose is to support and assist CLB-5 Marines, Sailors, and their families in religious development, relationship enhancement, and personal growth to the best of our abilities.

The CLB-5 Religious Ministry Team consists of Chaplain Fuimaono and RP2 Drachenberg. I was an associate pastor at Samoan Congregational Christian Church and Counselor at Juvenile Institution prior to becoming a Chaplain and now with motivated CLB-5. Marines, Sailors, and their families are our number one priority regardless of their faith. We will develop a unique bond with the Marine Corps by sharing sacrifices and gain credibility by being in the field with Marines, enduring hardship, and delivering religious ministry and compassionate pastoral care. To this end, we validate and are reminded at all time of our Chaplain Core responsibilities. Chaplains in the Navy facilitate diverse religious accommodations by outsourcing and networking with various resources. I personally provided and accommodated worship services, pastoral care/counseling, and religious education within various faith traditions. I will provide the best possible care for Marines, Sailors, and their families by delivering institutional ministry, counsel, and relational needs outside of a faith group context. I will advise leaders at all levels on issue relating to morale, spiritual well-being, moral and ethics, and the impacts of religious opportunities during my time with CLB-5.

If I can do anything for you, please do not hesitate to contact me or RP2 Drachenberg. Our office number is 760.725.2777, my cell is 415.571-3720, RP2's cell is 281-785-6045 and my email is [Saumaleato.fuimaono@usmc.mil](mailto:Saumaleato.fuimaono@usmc.mil) or email RP2 at [Paul.B.Drachenberg@usmc.mil](mailto:Paul.B.Drachenberg@usmc.mil)

## Chaplain Salimaleato Fuimaono



RP2 Drachenberg days before the ball.

**P.R.E.P:** Prevention Relationship Enhancement Program is a one-day workshop that helps couples communicate and connect more effectively. Participants learn and practice proven techniques. Key topics include: Relationship Risk Factors, Communication Danger Signs, Safety and Structure in Communication, and When Forgiveness Isn't Easy.

(760) 725-4954

**CREDO:** CREDO's name comes from a Latin word meaning I believe! In fact, the unit is actually a training team with the goal of building the belief of Marines and Sailors in five key areas: Self, Relationships, Team, Unit, and God. While CREDO is staffed by specially trained Navy Chaplains, its programs, retreats, and seminars are not necessarily religious in nature.

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If you would like to contribute to our quarterly newsletter please submit suggestions or comments to [dwayne.perry@usmc.mil](mailto:dwayne.perry@usmc.mil) or call 760-468-8276.